

# POLICE BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

Norfolk Police Department



- Purchased 300 TASER Axon Flex body worn cameras with 5-year service agreement
- Issued special order to establish procedures
- Trained and issued cameras to patrol officers (February)
- Deploy cameras to remaining uniformed officers (FY16)
- Review camera data for training opportunities

## **DEPLOYMENT PLAN**

- Records citizen contact during self-initiated and dispatched calls for service until event completion
- Citizens will be notified of recording when safe and practical
- May be turned off in private homes at the request of resident during routine police activity
- Will not be used for covert surveillance

## USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS



- Captures activity in camera view
- Records audio of contact with citizens
- Provides evidence to support investigations
- Provides testimony support in court cases
- Results in fewer complaints and instances of use of force according to studies

## **CAMERA CAPABILITIES**

- Does not capture complete perspective of officer (two-dimensional)
- Does not capture sensory cue of officer detecting subtle movement of suspects
- Does not capture activity at the same speed of life
- Does not provide all information in an incident

## **CAMERA LIMITATIONS**

- Maintains community trust and officer accountability
- Improves positive interactions between law enforcement officers and citizens
- Provides transparency and additional protection for litigious incidents
- Develops training opportunities revealed from camera footage

## **PROGRAM LEGITIMACY**

- Professional Standards Annual Report
  - Professionalism
  - Transparency
  - Accountability

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# QUESTIONS?